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Sent: Fri 10/9/2015 3:45:55 PM
Subject: FW: request for EPA on DOGGR report

I sent this to the reporter, and Kelly forwarded it to Theresa Schilling.

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From: Keener, Bill
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 2:32 PM
To: 'Knickmeyer, Ellen' <EKnickmeyer@ap.org>
Subject: request for EPA on DOGGR report

Ellen, got your voicemail, and yes here is EPA's comment on the report (which we just received).

On October 8, 2015, the Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) released its 2015 Underground Injection Control Program report to the California Legislature, as required by CA Senate Bill 855, enacted in 2010. The 2015 Report addresses a number of key elements regarding UIC program implementation for the period 2011-2014, and includes a detailed program assessment of issues with the UIC program focused on District 1 (Cypress, CA - Los Angeles Basin), summarized in an attachment to the 2015 annual report – “the Cypress Report”.

While EPA is still reviewing the full Report, it appears to be a thorough account of past practices

and shortcomings of the State's Class II UIC Program, along with numerous recommendations for program improvement. EPA is carefully considering the Report's findings, which are significant and troubling. As we continue our enhanced oversight of the CA UIC program, EPA will urge DOGGR and the State Board to fully evaluate the implications of these new findings on the current UIC Compliance Plan, and we will establish the necessary supplemental requirements to the Plan to assure protection of drinking water resources and full compliance with state and federal UIC requirements.

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From: Knickmeyer, Ellen [<mailto:EKnickmeyer@ap.org>]

Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 3:42 PM

To: Keener, Bill <Keener.Bill@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: request for EPA on groundwater issues

Hi, Bill – I'm sorry, I was on the road (to Fresno!) this morning, so replying late.

I'm mainly interested in you all's thoughts on several groundwater issues in Central Valley and greater LA area. That includes oilfield issues, and water use and drought issues.

Thanks and best,

Ellen

From: Keener, Bill [<mailto:Keener.Bill@epa.gov>]

Sent: Friday, July 31, 2015 2:57 PM

To: Knickmeyer, Ellen

Subject: request for EPA on groundwater issues

Ellen, following up on our conversation yesterday, it would be useful to get your thoughts on which issues you would like to pursue in terms of speaking with EPA personnel. As I mentioned, Jared is out of town, but I should get a chance to speak with him as soon as gets back on Monday. I would like to be able to give him a more clear idea of what topics you want to cover. And naturally, our staff expertise varies by topic – are you looking at how EPA enforces drinking water standards, or treats contaminated groundwater aquifers under our Superfund program, or at drought-related issues? You said that you were interested in the EPA oversight of the state UIC program, but that was only part of your focus.

Thanks.

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